

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:)
Da Silva Rodrigues et al.)
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For: SMOKING ARTICLE)

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NOTICE OF DEATH OF JOINT INVENTOR UNDER MPEP § 409

Dear Sirs:

This is notice that one of the joint inventors herein, Antonio Augusto da Silva Rodrigues, is now deceased. Attached are the death certificate and the Statutory Declaration from the second and surviving inventor, Mr. Eduardo José Faria Miranda confirming that subsequent to the signing of the Declaration of Inventorship, Mr. Rodrigues has died.

An Assignment document assigning the invention to Souza Cruz, S.A., the employer of both joint inventors at the time of the filing of the priority application, and executed only by Mr. Miranda, is also being submitted to the U.S. Patent Office, under separate cover, to be recorded with the U.S. Patent Office.

Further prosecution of this application will be undertaken on behalf of the assignee, Souza Cruz, S.A. Please enter this information into the record of the above referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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STATUTORY DECLARATION OF SURVIVING INVENTOR
Under 28 U.S.C. § 1746, MPEP 602II and 409.01(f)

Dear Sirs:

1. My name is Eduardo José Faria Miranda and I am a co-inventor in the above-identified application, together with Antonio Augusto da Silva Rodrigues.
2. Both I and Mr. Rodrigues, at the time this invention was made, were employees of Souza Cruz S.A., a Brazilian company having a post office address at Rua Candálaria, 66, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
3. Both I and Mr. Rodrigues have executed a Declaration of Inventorship under PCT Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis1(a)(iv) in this application.
4. Subsequent to signing the Declaration of Inventorship, Mr. Rodrigues has died, as confirmed by the attached Atestado de Óbito (or affidavit by a medical doctor).
5. Accordingly, I have signed an individual Assignment of Invention and Letters Patent to Souza Cruz, S.A. as required by the conditions of our employment by that company.



I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that
the foregoing is true and correct.

Respecfully submitted,


Eduardo José Faria Miranda

Executed on 27th July, 2006.



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CERTIDAO DE ABRITO

CERTIFICO que, no livro 0615-C, às folhas 283, sob número 141367, consta o assento de óbito de ANTONIO AUGUSTO DA SILVA RODRIGUES, falecido no dia doze de fevereiro de dois mil e cinco (12/02/2005), às 11 horas e 30 minutos, no(a) Clínica São Vicente-Gávea, Rio de Janeiro-RJ, residente e domiciliado na Rua Paulo Emílio Gomes, 350-Jacarepaguá, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, do sexo masculino, de cor branca, profissão farmacêutico, estado civil casado com Nadia Maria de Almeida Rodrigues, com 52 anos de idade, natural de Portugal. Filho de Manuel Rodrigues e de Maria Emilia da Silva. deixou bens, não era eleitor, testamento desconhecido. Deixou 3 filho(a)(s) maior(es). O atestado de óbito foi firmado pelo Dr. Dante Pagnoncelli CRM N° 52313613, que deu como causa da morte: insuficiência respiratória, linfangite carcinomatosa pulmonar, metastase óssea e cerebral, câncer de pulmão, com autorização do sepultamento antes das 24 horas pós mortis. Registro feito em quinze de fevereiro de dois mil e cinco (15/02/2005). O sepultamento foi realizado no Cemitério Pechincha. Foi declarante Laura Bezerra Dias Azevedo. Registro feito conforme declaração de óbito n° 06419494. OBSERVAÇÕES: Documentos de identificação do obituado: RG n° 0664704-H RNE.

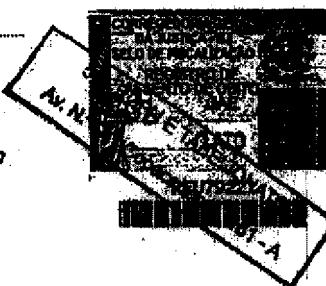
Eu: Gilberto Feralta Pereira, Escrevente, a
extraí. O referido é verdade e dou fé.

Rio de Janeiro, 15 de fevereiro de 2005.

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I, the undersigned, a Sworn Public Translator and Commercial Interpreter in and for this City of Rio de Janeiro, State of Rio de Janeiro, Federative Republic of Brazil, duly appointed by Administrative Rule no. 692 of April 11, 2006, issued by the President of the Board of Trade of the State of Rio de Janeiro, DO HEREBY CERTIFY AND ATTEST, that a document written in PORTUGUESE was presented to me for translation into ENGLISH, which I have lawfully performed, by reason of my official capacity, as follows: -----

-----TRANSLATION No. 0047 -----

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 Registrar - Transcript of a **DEATH CERTIFICATE** -----
 I CERTIFY that, in book 0615-C, on page 283, under
 no. 141367, there appears the entry regarding the
 death of **ANTONIO AUGUSTO DA SILVA RODRIGUES**,
 deceased on February 12, 2005, at 11:30 AM, at
 Clinic São Vicente (Saint Vincent), in Gávea, Rio
 de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil, resident and domiciled at
 Rua Paulo Emilio Gomes, 350, Jacarepaguá, Rio de
 Janeiro, RJ, Brazil, of male sex, white color,
 pharmacist, married to Nadia Maria de Almeida
 Rodrigues, aged 52, born in Portugal, son of
 Manuel Rodrigues and Maria Emilia da Silva. The



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decedent left property. He was not elector and any 'testament and last will' is unknown. The decedent left three (3) children of age. The death certificate was signed by Dr. Dante Pagnoncelli, enrolled with the Regional Council of Medicine under no. 52313613, who attested as *causa mortis*: respiratory insufficiency, pulmonary carcinomatous lymphangitis, osseous and cerebral metastasis, lung cancer, with authorization for burying before elapsed 24 hours after death. Registration made on February 15, 2005. The burial was made at Pechincha Cemetery. Laura Bezerra Dias Azevedo was the declarant. Registration made as per declaration of death no. 06419694. Remarks: Decedent's identification document RG no. 64704-H RNE. -----

I (signature) Gilberto Peralta Pereira, Clerk, prepared this document. IN WITNESS WHEREOF. -----

Rio de Janeiro, February 15, 2005. -----

Signed: Gilberto Peralta Pereira, Authorized Clerk
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THE ABOVE was the full text of said document, the
translation of which was set forth on 3 (three)
pages. -----

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and seal of
office in Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil, on July 24,
2006. -----

Ricardo Dimas Ramos Carneiro

